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SUBJ: KHMER QUESTION: CREDENTIAL COMITE REPORT - INDIA

REFS: USUN 5529

1. DEBATE ON SUBSTANTIVE PRO-SIHANOUK RES ADJOURNED
DEC 5 (REFTEL) WITH INDIA ABSTAINING AND BHUTAN VOTING IN
FAVOR ADJOURNMENT. PRO-SIHANOUK FORCES RAISED ISSUE AGAIN
IN DEC 11 MEETING OF CREDENTIALS COMITE (CC) WHEN SENEGAL AND
OTHERS ATTACKED SYG'S REPORT THAT GKR CREDENTIALS IN
ORDER. CC VOTED 5-4 TO ACCEPT ALL CREDENTIALS INCLUDING
THOSE OF GKR. PLENARY DEBATE ON CC REPORT BEGAN DEC 13
WITH INTRODUCTION AMENDMENT TO REPORT BY SENEGAL, TANZANIA,
CHINA AND OTHERS OPPOSING ACCEPTANCE KHMER CREDENTIALS.

2. JAPANESE, SUPPORTED BY INDONESIANS, HAVE ASKED INDIAN
PERMREP SEN FOR SUPPORT OF CC REPORT AND, AT MINIMUM,
ABSTENTION ON AMENDMENT. ASIANS AND WE ARGUE THAT CC IS
LEGAL COMITE FORMED TO PASS JUDGMENT ONLY ON QUESTION
OF WHETHER OR NOT DELEGATIONS' CREDENTIALS CONFORM TO
TECHNICAL UN REQUIREMENTS; CC IS NOT BODY ESTABLISHED TO
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DETERMINE POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF A DELEGATION.

MOREOVER, PLENARY DEC 5 DECIDED TO ADJOURN UNTIL 29TH
GA SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF WHICH GOVERNMENT SHOULD REPRESENT
CAMBODIA IN UN.

3. INDIAN MISSION TOLD JAPANESE THAT SEN HAS DISCRETION
ON HOW INDIA WOULD VOTE ON CC REPORT AND AMENDMENTS.
SEN LATER TOLD JAPANESE PERMREP SAITO THAT HE MIGHT VOTE
FOR REPEAT FOR AMENDMENT. BASED ON THIS REPORT, TOKYO
INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI TO WEIGH IN ONCE
MORE WITH MFA.

4. SINCE ISSUE MAY BE DECIDED BY ONE OR TWO VOTES AND
SINCE INDIAN POSITION WOULD AFFECT BHUTAN VOTE, INDIAN
VOTE MAY WELL BE CRUCIAL. CREDENTIALS FIGHT WILL RESUME IN
PLENARY MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 17, WITH VOTING EXPECTED
ON THAT DAY. WE URGE EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION TO STRESS
TO GOI AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT WE AND MOST EAST ASIAN
NATIONS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DEFEATING ANY EFFORT
TO REOPEN CAMBODIAN QUESTION NOW. WE ESPECIALLY
APPRECIATED INDIAN ABSTENTION ON ADJOURNMENT LAST WEEK
AND WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED BY VOTE IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT.
WE RECOGNIZE THAT INDIA UNDER CONFLICTING PRESSURES
(YUGOSLAVS AND ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN LOBBYING HEAVILY
WITH SEN), BUT FACTORS THAT LED TO INDIAN ABSTENTION
LAST WEEK SHOULD APPLY TO CREDENTIALS ALSO. FYI
USG, EC-9 (WITH EXCEPTION FRANCE) LA'S AND OTHERS -
REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL ASPECTS OF KHMER CREDENTIALS -
BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT CREDENTIALS ARE A TECHNICAL
MATTER AND THUS PLENARY RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT IS RESTRICTED. WE WOULD
NOT EXPECT GOI TO BE ADEQUATELY IMPRESSED BY THIS
ARGUMENT, HOWEVER. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO COORDINATE ITS APPROACH WITH
JAPANESE IF TIME PERMITS.
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